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Subject: Mandatory Use Policy for the Department of the Interior Foundation Cloud
Hosting Services Contracts

The Department of the Interior's (DOI) Information Technology (IT) Cloud Strategy is key to transforming DOI's IT capabilities and transition DOI into a modern cloud-based environment. It supports the 25-point Implementation Plan to Reform Federal IT, the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative, and the Federal Cloud Computing Strategy (2011), outlined by the Federal Chief Information Officer. An award has already been made for the Financial and Business Management System and deployment is underway with the support of all bureaus and offices. Bureaus and offices are also in the process of awarding additional task orders and working toward cloud hosting – these are providing the leadership needed in this area and we are dedicating support to ensure successful efforts.

Central to this strategy is the use of the DOI vehicle including 10 DOI Foundation Cloud Hosting Services indefinite delivery indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts, with a collective ceiling valued up to \$10 billion over 10 years. In order to ensure consistent use and support, effective immediately, the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) established a mandatory policy directing the use of these 10 IDIQ cloud contracts for all future IT hosting procurements.

Bureaus and Offices are required to evaluate DOI's Cloud Hosting IDIQ contract vehicles and receive approval from OCIO prior to the obligation of funds and/or execution of orders for physical hardware, software or hosting services. Individual projects leveraging the Foundation Cloud Hosting Services Contract, will be awarded via task orders, one for each project. DOI's OCIO retains sole authority for approving expenditures under these contracts. Any DOI Bureau or Office IT procurement, seeking the use of a different contract vehicle for cloud services, must submit a justification in writing using the following URL: <http://cloud.doi.gov/waiver> and receive approval from DOI's OCIO prior to the obligation of funds.

Each cloud vendor has gone through an extensive evaluation to gain its position as a contractor for this initiative. DOI's goal in leveraging their offerings through this competitive approach is to reduce the total cost of ownership of enterprise hosting hardware, software, and IT operations and provide greater service, security, and support for application business owners and end-users. It will also expedite the acquisition cycle time, which allows DOI to leverage scalable technology more quickly. Modernization of our infrastructure through adoption of "Cloud First" will accelerate our ability to make our data and applications more accessible to the public and to DOI employees nationwide.

For more information on DOI's Foundation Cloud Hosting Services contract, see <http://cloud.doi.gov> or direct questions regarding their use to cloud@doi.gov.

cc: Bureau Procurement Chiefs
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